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SUBJECT: US CONGRESSIONAL AND PRIVATE VISITORS TO CHILE

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY THAT JUNTA HAS INVITED SEVERAL MEMBERS US CONGRESS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS TO VISIT CHILE FOR GENERAL FAMILIARIZATION PURPOSES, DURING PERIOD OF CELEBRATIONS SEPT 11 AND/OR INDEPENDENCE DAY SEPT 18-19 PERIOD. UNDERSTAND INVITEES INCLUDE SEN. EASTLAND AND THREE OTHER UNNAMED MEMBERS CONGRESS, EX-SEN. SMATHERS, GOV. WALLACE, AND A MR. AGNEW OF ALASKA.

2. WILLOUGHBY TOLD US HE HAD SPOKEN DIRECTLY TO SEN. EASTLAND'S OFFICE AND HAD TOLD SENATOR WILL VISIT CHILE BUT DATE NOT FIXED. SEN. EASTLAND'S OFFICE IN TELECON TOLD ADCM THAT SENATOR WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. D.A. BIGLAND AND MR. FRED A. CALLON, BOTH DESCRIBED AS NATCHEZ BUSINESSMEN, AND FED. JUDGE DAN RUSSEL OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT MISSISSIPPI. APPARENTLY NO OTHER INVITEES HAVE YET RESPONDED.

3. FON MINISTRY WAS INFORMED OF INVITATIONS ONLY ON MORNING SEPT 6 (POSSIBLY AS RESULT OUR CONVERSATION WITH WILLOUGHBY).

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4. REQUEST DEPT INFORM EMBASSY OF ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE
FROM CHILEAN EMBASSY OR OTHER SOURCES ON VIP TRAVEL TO CHILE
IN RESPONSE GOC INVITATIONS, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE
PREPARATIONS.

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